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Following information on Soviet installations and activities at Neuruppin:

- a. Location of the See Kaserne and other groups of buildings.
- b. The fact that until the end of May 1958 the rocket launchers had been kept in the two or three easterly garages but that since then those garages have been empty.
- c. A description of recoilless anti-tank guns on which training began at the beginning of July 1958.
- d. A description of another weapon of about 100-mm. caliber on which training also began at the beginning of July 1958.
- e. A description of pontoons observed on 16, 17 and 18 June 1958 which were presumably being used in engineer exercises.
- f. Information on the loading and unloading of military equipment at the main railroad station in Neuruppin.

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SEE KASERNE (See sketch at Appendix "A")

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1. The SEE KASERNE is bounded to the north by the Karl Liebknecht Strasse, to the west by the Fehrbelliner Strasse, to the south by the Trenckmann Strasse and to the east by the Ruppiner See. The former sawmill and bathing establishment on the lake are now included in the barracks, and the barrack fence stretches down to the lake itself. Only the factory area at MR 528652 is still used by Germans (V.E.B. Maschinenbau).
2. The barracks complex consists of the following parts:
 - (a) The area around MR 523658 with its own fence and an entrance in the Karl Liebknecht Strasse.
 - (b) The area around MR 525656 with its own fence and an entrance in the Karl Liebknecht Strasse.
 - (c) The area around MR 525654 with its own fence and entrances in the Scholten Strasse and the Trenckmann Strasse.
3. Scholten Strasse, which goes through the barracks area, is closed from the area behind the German dairy (MR 524657) to its junction with the Feldmann Strasse.
4. At MR 523658 there are the following buildings:
 - (a) 2 staff buildings.
 - (b) The former railway station hotel, now used as living accommodation and also housing a printing press.
 - (c) A building for Russian women and used as a brothel.
5. At MR 525656 there are the following:
 - (a) 1 building (approximately 120 x 150 metres) consisting of groundfloor and 2 storeys used as accommodation for troops.
 - (b) 5 small houses or storehouses with groundfloor and 2 storeys.
 - (c) Gaol and guardroom at the gate on Karl Liebknecht Strasse.
 - (d) 2 garages (single storey) on the Scholten Strasse, one 50 metres and the other roughly 150 metres long.
 - (e) 1 other building, purpose unknown.

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6. At MR 525654 there are the following buildings and installations:
- (a) Former railway building belonging to Paulinenau Station and now used as officers' quarters.
 - (b) Branch line of the former Paulinenau station - now used by the Germans to serve the German coal depot at MR 523654.
 - (c) 8-10 officers' villas on the Scholten Strasse.
 - (d) A small exercise area on the Trenckmann Strasse with obstacles and trenches - this area used to be a fuel depot.
 - (e) 9 large garages and/or shelters for guns. A tenth garage was recently demolished.
 - (f) A shelter built during 1958, about 30 metres long - roofed but open on the sides.
 - (g) Firing range for side arms on the Ruppiner See.
 - (h) A large shelter or garage, approximately 100 metres long, roofed and walled, built in 1958.
 - (i) Outside the fence on the Trenckmann Strasse and along the Ruppiner See there is a small training area used for guns and rocket launchers.
7. Up to the end of May 1958 the rocket launchers used to be kept in the two or three most easterly garages (of the nine mentioned above). Since then the garages have been empty.
8. At the beginning of July 1958 training began again with recoilless anti-tank guns at the small training ground mentioned in para. 6 (i) above. The training did not include loading and firing. The following is a description of this weapon:
- (a) The total length of the barrel is 1.5 - 1.75 metres. Of this the 40 cms. behind the shield are stronger than the part in front of the shield. In front of the shield the barrel is about 160 mm. in diameter, while behind the shield it is about 200 mm. in diameter.
 - (b) The sights behind the shield are approximately 10 cms. x 10 cms; the sights on the end of the barrel measure approximately 2 cms. x 2 cms.
 - (c) Single pneumatic tyres; in the firing position there is a third support under the axle.
 - (d) Drawn by hand.
9. Also at the beginning of July 1958 training was carried out on the same small training ground with 2 guns of the following description:
- (a) Barrel - approximately 3.5 metres long.
 - (b) Calibre - approximately 100 mm.
 - (c) Muzzle brake.
 - (d) Recoil cylinders above and below the barrel.
 - (e) Shield with curved sides.

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- (f) Split trail gun carriage mounted on solid rubber wheels; trail is sharp-cornered (i.e. not rounded) in section..
- (g) Small motor and steering control lever on the trail.
- (h) 6-man crew, sitting on the trail whilst the gun is moving.

ENGINEER EXERCISES

10. At 1700 hours on 16, 17 and 18 Jun 58, 'U'-shaped irons and planks were on the west bank of the lock at NEUMUEHLE (MR 546703). In addition 12 double pontoons already fastened together were lying alongside the bank in the water. Each double pontoon consisted of a pontoon with a rounded end and a pontoon with a vertical end. Some of the pontoons had an open, four-sided hole in the pontoon deck, on other pontoons this hole was closed with a cover.

TRANSPORT

11. At 1730 hours on 29 Jun 58 a Soviet train was unloaded at NEURUPPIN main station (provenance unknown). The load, consisting of the following, was taken to the barracks in the Fehrbelliner Strasse:
- (a) 8 howitzers, model 38, 122 mm.
 - (b) 8 ZIS-151.
 - (c) 2 G-waggons with ammunition.
12. At 1830 hours on 10 Jul 58 a Soviet train was loaded at NEURUPPIN main station with the following, which were brought from the barracks in Fehrbelliner Strasse:
- (a) 12 AA guns, 85 mm.
 - (b) 7 TPM's, M-1950.
 - (c) 7 TPM's, M-1954.
- One of the TPM's was towing a radar trailer on a 2-axled chassis (vertical mast with horizontal dipole).
- Another TPM was towing a 2-axled wireless truck with boxed body and side windows.
- (d) 4 ZIS-151 with ammunition boxes.
13. At 1800 hours on 14 Jul 58 waggons with 10 TPM's (M-50 and M-54) were standing in the sidings of NEURUPPIN main station. No locomotive was attached [REDACTED]

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